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College Keeping Tabs on Printing

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News Writer

No, you are not being charged to print. Many Hamilton students have been left confused, as they have begun printing information and assignments for spring classes. This semester, a new conservation program is being tested on campus: when a job is sent to a public printer, the student is notified of the "cost" of that job. However, there is no link between the notification on the screen and your Hill Card account.

The system is meant merely to raise awareness about the resources each student is consuming and to decrease the amount of resources that students use.

Several years ago, the student-run Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) met with Information Technology Vice President David Smallen in the loft above the Little Pub. The student organization was troubled by the large amount of waste produced in the printing labs on campus from papers never retrieved and/or mistakenly printed.

This semester, a prospective solution to this student concern is being implemented. Although there will no charge to students at this time for the products printed, the administration hopes that being reminded that nothing is free will urge students to look more closely at their individual consumption and reduce waste where it currently occurs.

PaperCut, the system responsible for the cost notifications, offers a breakdown of each student's total use of resources over the semester (each time you print it adds the cost of that job to the cost of all previous jobs, keeping a running total for the semester).

The "Details" option in the

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Previous speakers in the Sacerdote Great Names Lecture Series have included famous politicians like Al Gore and entertainment personalities like Jon Stewart.

Great Names Series Falls Silent

Speakers' increased fees, scheduling conflicts put series on hold

by Erin W. Hoener '10
Editor-In-Chief

As Stephen Colbert knows, last year's Sacerdote Series speaker Jon Stewart is a hard act to follow. No one will get the chance to follow Stewart this year, however, as the series will be taking an intermission. For the first time since the series began in 1996, Hamilton will be without a "Great Name."

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, the Sacerdote Great Name selection committee announced via all-campus e-mail that they have ceased efforts to secure a speaker for this academic year. The committee concluded that it would be best to focus their efforts on a lecture for next fall, rather than scramble to put together a lecture that would not meet the "Great" expectations of the Hamilton community. This news came as a shock to most students, who have come to view "Great Names" as a Hamilton tradition.

"No Great Names speaker? But it's a Hamilton tradition! After the streaking team, now this?" exclaimed one disappointed senior upon hearing the news.

Lisa Magnarelli '96, assistant dean of students for campus life, director of student activities and coordinator of Great Names, cited monetary and scheduling availability issues as the factors that prevented the committee from securing a speaker this year.

According to Magnarelli, a 'scheduling war' with Colgate prevented the committee from securing former British prime minister Tony Blair as the next Hamilton 'Great Name'. Although both schools provided comprable monetary offers, Colgate was able to offer a more suitable date for Blair's schedule.

In addition to Blair, the selection committee extended offers to Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Toni Morrison and Kofi Annan, Nobel Peace Prize

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Faculty Tenure: What Students Need to Know

by Rebecca Pomerantz '12
Features Writer

Despite the fact that tenure is a well-established and long-standing practice here at Hamilton, many students seem to be unaware of how the appointment system works or what gaining tenure even means. Most students seem to think that getting approved for tenure means to get a promotion or earn more money because the professor has been around for a long time.

Students note that they often feel that the process of approving tenure is largely separated from student awareness and knowledge. Many understand that the completion of post-semester course and professor evaluations are seen by those administrators in charge of the faculty, but never understand how those evaluations are used or if they are used at all.

Kate Bennert '12 said "All I know is that some professors get [tenure] and some don't. That's it... it's never really been clarified."

Although the process of being approved for tenure obviously focuses on professors, the outcome affects the entire student body. Those professors who do not get approved for tenure may leave, while some professors who are approved gain more say in academic departments and may become more influential over the student body, regardless of their popularity among students. That said, the effect upon the student body can be both a positive and a negative one.

Once approved for tenure, visiting professors become associate professors. Decisions regarding professors' standings are a matter left to the Hamilton College Board

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Hamilton Contributes to New Clinton Fire Truck

PHOTO BY ANDY RICHARDSON '10

The Clinton Fire Department will soon receive a new fire truck. Hamilton donated $250,000 towards the purchase.

by Kerry Q. Coughlin '11
News Writer

Last month, President Joan Hinde Stewart announced that Hamilton would be making a donation of $250,000 to the Clinton Fire Department, to be put towards the purchase of a new ladder truck.

The truck will replace the Clinton Fire Department's current truck, which is twenty-three years old and has outdated equipment that is costly to maintain. In contrast, the new truck will contain a 100-foot mid-mounted ladder, an essential piece of equipment. The Village of Clinton recently contracted with a company called Ferrara, located in Louisiana, in order to bring the $1,055,000 ladder truck to Clinton.

The Clinton Fire Department is an all-volunteer municipal fire department. The fire department's operating budget is part of Clinton's general budget, and all fire department equipment is purchased and maintained by the Village of Clinton. This means that the taxpayers of the Village receive fire protection as part of their municipal taxes. Hamilton's contribution toward the purchase will greatly reduce the burden on the taxpayers of Clinton.

"This contribution from Hamilton College for the ladder truck is a reflection of the strong relationship between the College and the community, and we are grateful for the support," said Robert G. Goering, Mayor of the Village of Clinton.

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January Admits Arrive on Hill After Semester Abroad

by Arianne Bergman '13
News Writer

Every year, Hamilton welcomes around 30 students as January Admits, affectionately called "Jans." This week, 38 first-years have joined our community. Nearly all of them attended the University of London this past semester through a program led by New York University, although a few did service work, with one student teaching in a Newark, New Jersey school, and others pursued personal interests, such as triathlon training.

The January Admission program arises mostly from two conditions at Hamilton. Firstly, shaping the first-year class is difficult, and invariably, the Admissions Office cannot offer a place to everyone they would like to. However, trends have shown that more students study abroad in the spring than the fall, creating some extra space on campus, which Admissions is happy to fill.

Margarita "Moogie" Scott '13 was among the first-years studying in England last semester. Scott found independent living in a foreign country both trying and rewarding. "You just get so many fastballs thrown at you in London. You're just completely on your own, so you have to be either mature or prepared… I'm a lot more independent. I'm more prepared for life now, and college…England made me a better person."

Another aspect of the program Scott especially enjoyed was the opportunity to travel. Through a service program, she stayed for a time with a woman in Northern Ireland, and gained a deeper understanding of religious and socio-economic issues in the country.

Many other students participated in similar programs in Wales, southern England, northern Scotland, and other areas nearby. Visiting major European cities was also easy to do, especially with a ten-day break in the middle of the semester. "In two hours you could be in Paris; in two hours you could be in Brussels." Students traversed Europe from Prague to Greece to Amsterdam, and some went as far as Istanbul.

Here on campus, Scott feels welcomed. Jans are encouraged to go on Adirondack Adventure and Urban Service Experience trips before the fall semester starts, and Scott has enjoyed "re-meeting" the friends she made then. Scott describes the Jans collectively as a close but outgoing group of students, and says she's having no problems adjusting to life on the Hill.

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Monica Inzer is thrilled to have them on campus. "Jan admits are often some of our favorite students who stand out in the admission process and who we think belong on College Hill… I like that they infuse some energy into our community during one of the darkest months on campus."

Similar programs exist at other colleges, such as Wheaton, Skidmore and Middlebury. Scott recommends the program, saying she's sure "there were people who started in the fall who would've been great for the program, but it's not for everyone." That said, for Scott, it was "one of the coolest things I've ever done."

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Orientation leaders Katya Adair '10 (far left) and Brian Milstone '10 (far right) led a group of January Admits in a round of trivia at the Fillius Events Barn.

NESCAC NEWS

by Amanda Jordan '10
News Writer

Colby College

Two Colby College roommates, Jessica Frick and Yanica Faustin, were in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, when the 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit on Jan. 12. Both students were there on a two-week vacation to visit Faustin's family. At the time the earthquake struck, Frick and Faustin were with Faustin's brother in a car, and no one was injured. Both Colby seniors are now back in the United States – Frick in Maine and Faustin in New York. Classes at Colby do not resume until Feb. 3.

Bowdoin College

On Jan. 15, former U.S. Senator and graduate of Bowdoin College, George Mitchell '54, was honored with the 2010 Theodore Roosevelt Award. He accepted this award at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Convention's Honors and Delegates Celebration on last Friday night. The NCAA presents this award every year to former college student-athletes with high admiration and respect for their national career achievements. Mitchell played basketball for Bowdoin for four years and has since come a long way in national and international politics. Most prominently, he was a member of the Senate for 14 years (including six years as the Majority Leader) and has been a key figure in international peace negotiations. President Barack Obama appointed Mitchell as the United States Special Envoy for the Middle East, a post he still holds. This is the second "Teddy" award for a Bowdoin alumnus. In 2001, former U.S. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen '62 received the award.

Amherst College / Williams College

The Princeton Review ranked the top "Best Value Colleges" for 2010. Out of the NESCAC colleges, only Williams College and Amherst College made the list for best values for private colleges. William College placed sixth on the list, and Amherst College was ranked ninth. *The Princeton Review* selected these colleges based upon approximately 30 categories pertaining to undergraduate academics, financial aid and overall cost, including tuition, room and board and fees. The data and student opinion survey information used in the assessment was gathered between Fall 2008 and Fall 2009. The estimated cost of tuition, room and board, cost of books and travel and personal expenses to receive an undergraduate education at Williams is around $50,000 per year. More than $9 million of need-based aid was given to the class of 2012 in their first year at Williams, with about half of the class receiving this financial aid. Overall, $37,000 was the average financial aid package given to these students.

Hamilton Helping to Upgrade Clinton FD

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"The College and the Village of Clinton have enjoyed a strong working relationship for many years," said Meredith Harper Bonham, Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Bonham went on to say that after learning that the Clinton Fire Department needed to replace its ladder truck, "given the necessity of the equipment and our gratitude for the excellent service and care provided to our community, President Stewart decided to allocate specific funds toward the purchase of the new ladder truck."

In addition to the Village of Clinton, Hamilton will also benefit from the new ladder truck. In 2009, 15 percent of Clinton Fire Department emergency calls were to Hamilton. "One of the prime reasons that the Clinton Fire Department needs a ladder truck is to provide fire protection to Hamilton College structures and the student population," said Goering.

This donation towards the new truck is in addition to Hamilton's annual municipal contribution of approximately $384,000. This money is distributed to the Village of Clinton, Clinton Central Schools, and Oneida County. Additionally, the Town-Gown Fund provides about $35,000 per year in grants to local non-profit organizations.

ITS Monitors Printer Usage in Effort to Reduce Paper Waste

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"print cost" notification window takes the student to a page showing the number of trees that have been used for their printing needs, the amount of carbon being expended for the pages and a graph of their total consumption.

Hamilton is not alone in its attempt to manage waste. In fact, several colleges have achieved positive results by implementing the PaperCut system or comparable programs. Williams College, for example, began using the PaperCut program in the fall, and within one month saw a 31 percent reduction in total printing and a 70 percent decrease in waste. Hamilton hopes that there will be similar results on this campus as the visual reminders of cost to the institution and to the environment appear over the semester.

We can expect to see an official quota in place on the amount of printing each student may do without incurring a fee by the beginning of the fall semester. According to Information Technology Services Training Coordinator Maurine Scoones, "The goal is not to make a profit."

Scoones said that when the quota is set, it will be high enough so that only in rare instances will a student go over their allotted quota. To make sure of this, it will be set in aggregate form, so, for example, if the research done this semester shows that seniors require a greater amount of pages than do the other classes, their quota will be raised proportionally.

SA Update

Can You Hear Me Now?

by Eve Denton '12
Student Assembly Correspondent

Vice President for Information Technology Dave Smallen was present at the meeting to give an Information Technology Services update. Verizon cellular phone service on campus has been improved after the Student Assembly Technology Committee put in a request last year for alterations. Over winter break, Verizon representatives set up interior antennas in Dunham, Kirkland, North, Bundy East and Bundy West to help the situation. Students have reported a positive difference in Verizon service in residence halls.

However, as indicated in an e-mail from Smallen to all students on Wednesday, Jan. 20, students with AT&T service have since experienced difficulty with reception. The new Verizon equipment has interfered with AT&T service. The College is working with Verizon to solve the problem and Smallen will provide another e-mail update in the near future.

In order to avoid the funding problems that occurred last semester, Student Assembly is making small changes to the funding process. A new budget proposal form has been created and will be available soon. The available budget for this semester starts at $137,000, with an additional $20,000 added from funding that was unused by clubs who requested it last semester. With several large items removed from the budget, like funding for a cappella groups, Feb Fest, and Senior Week, the total amount for organizations is approximately $70,000. This is a similar total to that of last semester.

Carolyn Carpan and Reid Larson from Burke Library also made announcements at the meeting. The library has worked to make various resources available for students straight from Blackboard, including a course-specific website that professors have the option of turning on or off. Additionally, the library is currently forming a library advisory group that would be comprised of students from a variety of class years and disciplines. The committee will meet monthly and be responsible for making suggestions to the library. They would discuss both topics of their own choosing and those contributed by the library staff.

Hamilton Unable to Bring Blair, Anan for Great Names

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winner and former secretary-general of the United Nations. Unfortunately, none of these individuals were able to travel to Hamilton on one of the dates available for the lecture.

The Sacerdote Great Names Lecture Series was established in 1996 with a significant gift from Peter and Bonnie Sacerdote and their son Alex Sacerdote '94. Over the last fifteen years, this lecture series has brought national and international leaders in all fields to the Hill for free public lectures, and, in some years, intimate classroom discussions.

In addition to the Sacerdote endowment, a number of smaller endowments have been established for the purpose of the Great Name Lecture Series. However, these endowments do not always generate enough income to secure the caliber of speakers to which the Hamilton campus has grown accustomed.

Although the income generated from the Great Names endowments have remained the same over recent years, speaker's engagement fees have increased. This increase has put the future of the "Great Names" lecture as the Hamilton community knows it in jeopardy. In recent years, Hamilton has secured additional funds to contribute to the speaker fees. For example, the Sacerdote family contributed an additional monetary gift to finance President Clinton's lecture in 2004. As well, a number of additional endowed funds and a contribution from the Campus Activity Board (CAB), were utilized to secure Jon Stewart's long-awaited performance last year.

"One of the great things about the program, but also a challenge, is that we have gotten very used to high profile speakers," said Magnarelli, "but these speakers are at the higher end of the price range and it exceeds the budget right now."

According to Magnarelli, the selection committee understands the need to explore long term plans to ensure the continuation of this series. In the meantime, the income generated by the endowment for the 2009-2010 fiscal year will be combined with income generated in the next fiscal year. These additional funds will significantly increase the options available for the committee for the 2010-2011 academic year.

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Leading Students by Example: Hamilton's Commitment to Clinton

Whether for the first time or for the last time, students spent this past week adjusting to life on the Hill. To those of you coming to Hamilton for the first time, both January Admits and transfer students, welcome! To everyone who is returning from semester abroad or winter break, welcome back! The new semester promises new people to meet, new opportunities to embrace and new perspectives to consider.

Because of our isolation and the intensity with which many students apply themselves here on the Hill, it is easy to forget that we are a part of a larger learning and social community off the Hill. Regardless of whether or not Hamilton students recognize and take advantage of the opportunities to interact with those surrounding our college, a significant part of the Hamilton experience involves living in Clinton for four years.

In recent years, a few high-profile incidents have shined a light on the tensions between residents of the town of Clinton and Hamilton College students. Unfortunately, a lack of respect by a small number of people has resulted in feelings of ill will toward the majority of the student body.

Still, the recent positive actions of the College's administration are a reminder of the strong ties between Hamilton and our neighbors in Clinton. In the spirit of community, Hamilton donated $250,000 toward the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Clinton Fire Department. The Clinton Fire Department is comprised entirely of volunteers, and this donation will help them continue to serve and protect our College, which they visit frequently. Additionally, the Hamilton College Town-Gown Fund Committee recently selected eight local educational, cultural and public safety organizations to share $30,000, including the Kirkland Art Center and the Clinton A Better Chance program. While the total amount of money contributed to Clinton may surprise some students, it is evidence of the importance that Hamilton places on aiding Clinton with improvements that improve life for permanent residents and students alike.

Hamilton's recent donations demonstrate the institution's commitment to the Clinton community, but as students we must reinforce this spirit of appreciation. We may not be perfect neighbors, but we can work to improve our relationship with the town. We are residents of Clinton, too. We shop at the same supermarkets, eat at the same restaurants and fill up at the same gas stations. We are not here to ruin Clinton's small-town charm, and we should appreciate the community that we share.

In the spirit of the New Year, we urge the student body and Clintonians alike to make a resolution to show respect—whether at the Cider Mill or the Village Tavern—in hopes that town-gown relations will continue to improve as we move forward into a new semester.

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OPINION

Cost of LEED Certification Questionable

by Evan Klondar '11
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The new Kirner-Johnson building was recently certified as a "LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold" building, the best certification possible. The certification is certainly an achievement for the College, which endeavors to construct all of its buildings to LEED standards.

The cost of LEED certification is significant. According to Steve Bellona, the associate vice president for facilities and planning, the LEED certification process (both building costs and certification costs) added over $73,000 to the KJ renovation project. $3,500 of that was paid to the United States Green Building Council as a fee for LEED certification.

These projects are worth the cost. However, we will need to think critically about going through the expensive LEED certification process in the future. The LEED certification is certainly a good move for Hamilton's environmental image, which the College has clearly been attempting to bolster over the past decade.

Recently, Skenandoa House has been certified "LEED Silver," and the College has enabled solar and wind energy production on campus. As a result, Hamilton's reduction in carbon emissions has been significant—a recent e-mail sent by Steve Bellona stated that in 2009, Hamilton reduced its carbon footprint by 16.2 metric tons as a result of our renewable energy sources on campus. The College is certainly making an effort toward "going green."

The implications of "going green" are felt beyond the environment; it may have a significant impact on the College's recruiting and fundraising efforts as well. Considering the popularity of "going green," it seems reasonable that prospective students will be interested in schools that are responsible environmental stewards.

Monica Inzer, dean of admissions and financial aid,

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noted that "prospective families seem genuinely interested and pleased that Hamilton takes great care in ensuring that our renovation and building projects are environmentally sensitive." Jon Hysell '72, P'04, director of the Annual Fund, notes a similar interest in green projects from alumni. All of these comments show that a renewed focus on environmentalism, while expensive for the College, pays dividends in other areas.

At the same time, it is worth considering the significant financial implications of "going green." Many of the green projects on campus are not designed to pay for themselves in the short-term, and the College has been cutting back.

The College may want to examine whether it's worth the extra money to be officially certified as a LEED building, or whether building in the spirit of LEED is enough. As a member at a recent Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) meeting noted, "the money that went into making KJ LEED material could (and probably should) have been spent...in efforts to get composting up and running on this campus."

This approach takes a broad view, and wisely notes that all avenues should be considered when "going green." If the College is going to spend the money, it should get the most out of every dollar.

With everyone tightening their belts in the current economic climate, no criticism of spending should be off-limits. It clearly benefits us to build green, both in the near-term (as a recruitment tool) and in the long term (sustainability is important). But is a plaque on a building worth $3,500? And are we getting the most "green" out of $69,000 when we put it toward a single building? Both are questions we should ask as the new student center is constructed and with every project in the future.

Yaoi/Slash Appreciation Club Reveals Double Standard on Campus

by Patrick Landers '12
Opinion Writer

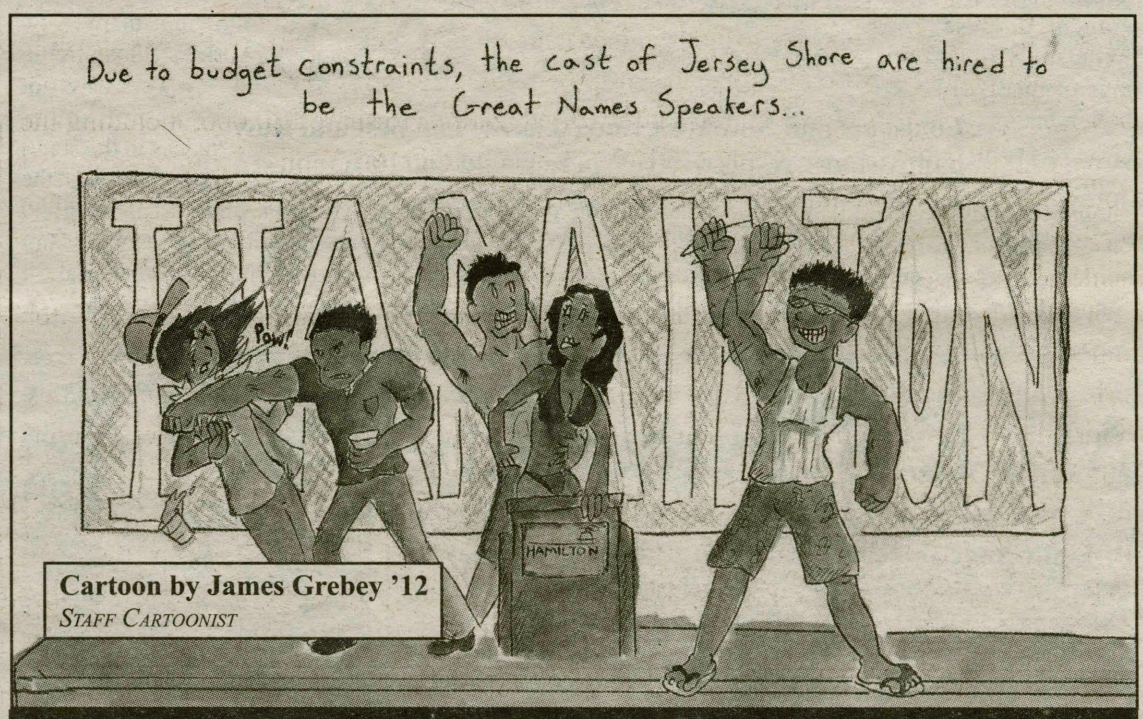
As the semester begins, the Lesbian Art and Film Appreciation Society (LAFAS), a new organization formed over winter break, is quickly gaining momentum. According to the Hamilton website, "LAFAS is dedicated to the appreciation of gay female culture as represented in all types of media past and present. The club is aimed mainly at men, though of course members of any gender or sexuality are welcome. Club activities will mostly include the viewing of movies and TV series, but plans also include the acquisition of a library of video and literary works that would be available to lend to all members of the club. Other club activities may include discussion of current gay issues, both social and political."

While this organization is actually completely fictitious, its existence is not implausible. In fact, the imaginary description of LAFAS was adapted from the actual Yaoi/Slash Appreciation Club's listing by creating a new name and reversing the sex-specific pronouns. The Yaoi/Slash Appreciation Club, which focuses on genres that are not explicitly pornographic, was formed last year with little fuss; but many students would expect LAFAS or a similar organization to attract far greater attention and opposition.

For many, the idea of women watching gay male-themed entertainment is mildly humorous yet perfectly tolerable. Even the point about keeping informed about relevant social and political issues is plausible. On the other hand, a mostly male group watching gay female-themed entertainment would certainly raise eyebrows and cause consternation. The claim that the group follows current issues would likely just be seen as a smokescreen for their true purpose; engaging in a practice which many view as degrading toward women.

Surely at least one student, faculty member, alumna or parent would object to Hamilton College recognizing and funding an organization that promotes male viewing of female-focused homoerotica. Would the Administration even have allowed an organization like LAFAS to be formed? It stretches the imagination that the school would sanction such a group. Yet when the gender/sex roles are reversed, the school had no problem accepting the Yaoi/Slash Appreciation Club. Thus, they reasonably would be expected to condone any organization that simply changes the gender identities and orientations involved.

Hamilton College and the individuals who comprise the institution should become more aware of the double-standards underlying their views on different genders and sexual orientations. To reject LAFAS as unpalatable while accepting the Yaoi/Slash Appreciation Club would be engaging in an obscene level of mental dissembling.



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Staff Cartoonist

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KJ gets LEED Gold Certification: smartest use of college funds since the Steuben Field Cleaning-by-Helicopter of '08.	Martha Coakley: somewhere Ted Kennedy is getting sloshed.	Your semester abroad: go ahead, keep talking about how little work you have to do. I promise I won't smack you with my thousand-page reading due tomorrow.
'Magic the Gathering' playing club: AHAAHAHA AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH AHAHAHAHAHA!!!!!!	No Great Names speaker: considering the two major news stories of the last year were the ecnomic downturn and the death of Michael Jackson, I was right when I said we probably should've blown the whole load on the King of Pop in 2007.	People who use their laptops in class: you'd think that someone who played that much Minesweeper would be better at it.
		Knit Happens: maybe more people would come knit if you moved your meeting time to a spot that didn't conflict with reruns of *Golden Girls*.

by Anthony DelConte '10, Nathan Fedrizzi '10 and Lesley Ryder '11

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FEATURES

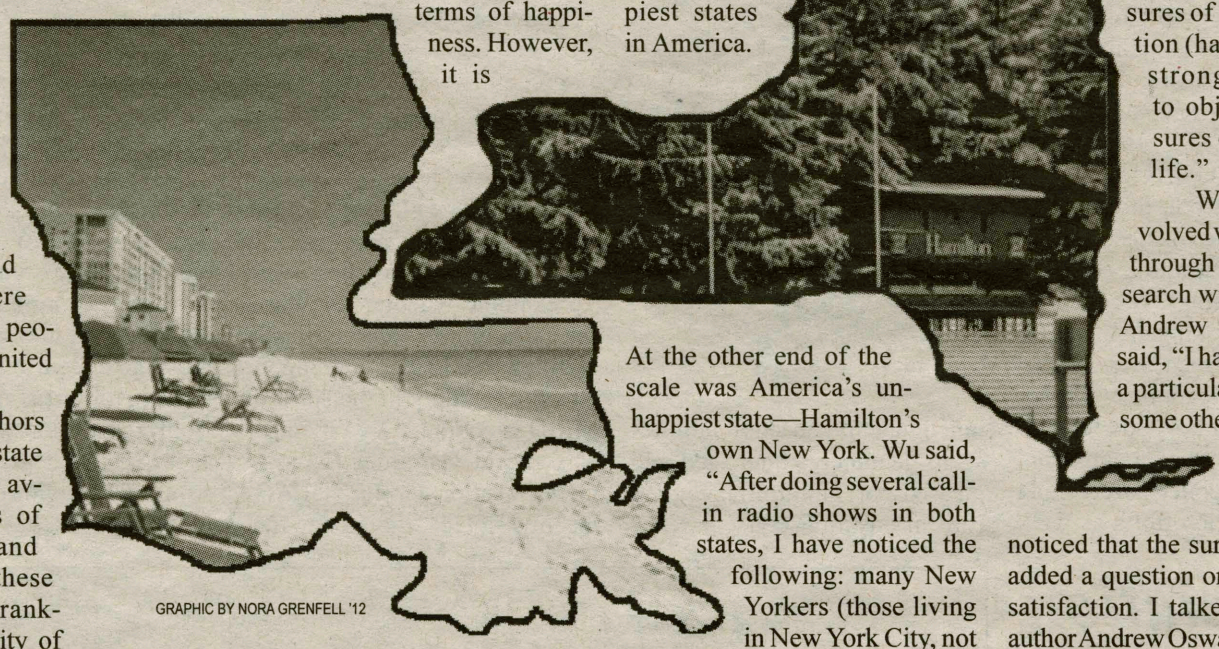
Hamilton Econ Professor Searches for Key to Happiness

by Kari Arneson '10
Features Writer

What is the key to happiness? In a recent survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Associate Professor of Economics Stephen Wu collaborated with Dr. Andrew J. Oswald of the University of Warwick in England to rank happiness by state. The survey of 1.3 million people found that people in sunny states, like Louisiana, Hawaii and Florida, were the happiest people in the United States.

The authors constructed state rankings of average levels of happiness and compared these with state rankings of quality of life indicators (taken from a previously published study) that are based on objective measures such as sunshine hours, congestion, commute times to work, housing prices and state and national parks. In other words, the study measured happiness by comparing how happy respondents said they were with objective measures of good living.

Surprisingly, Louisiana, which is not only the poorest state in the nation but was also devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, ranked number one in terms of happiness. However, it is important to note that part of the survey occurred before Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans. Why, then, are Louisiana residents the happiest Americans? Wu said, "Many of the people of Louisiana have replied that there is a certain sense of community of those living in Louisiana, as well as a spirit among the people." After Louisiana, Hawaii, Florida, Tennessee and Arizona were the next happiest states in America.



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Louisiana and New York ranked as the happiest and least happy states, respectively. Where would you be happiest?

At the other end of the scale was America's unhappiest state—Hamilton's own New York. Wu said, "After doing several call-in radio shows in both states, I have noticed the following: many New Yorkers (those living in New York City, not necessarily other places in the state) complain about the congestion, high cost of living and pressurized environment. Many have said that these things make it difficult living in New York." After New York, the next unhappiest states were Connecticut, New Jersey, Michigan and Indiana.

However, Wu believes that the state rankings are not the most important results of the study. According to Wu, "The most important conclusion of the survey is that subjective measures of life satisfaction (happiness) are strongly related to objective measures of quality of life."

Wu got involved with the study through previous research with co-author Andrew Oswald. Wu said, "I had been using a particular data set for some other research on health and health behaviors and noticed that the survey recently added a question on overall life satisfaction. I talked to my co-author Andrew Oswald, who does a lot of research in the area of subjective well-being, who was also excited to look at this data." He claimed that one of the best parts of this study was the sheer size—over one million people were surveyed over four years.

Wu and Oswald's article, "Objective Confirmation of Subjective Measures of Human Well-being: Evidence from the USA," was originally published in *Science*, the flagship journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The article has also been cited by the Associated Press, *The New York Times*, Bloomberg, CBS News, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *The Washington Post*, to name a few.

Speaking of his research, Wu stated, "I was a bit surprised that it received so much national attention, but I wasn't surprised that the media latched onto the actual rankings themselves and often failed to highlight the more important conclusion of the study—the fact that subjective measures of happiness correlate with objective measures of quality of life. We live in a very rankings-conscious society and everyone wants to know where they 'rank.'"

So what is the key to happiness? Wu said that from his research, he learned that, "Happiness is a complex concept. While many internal factors are obviously important in determining happiness, other external factors such as location may be influential."

MLK Service Day

by Emily Anderson '13
Features Writer

This week, students nationwide have a unique opportunity to participate in community service trips in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Here at Hamilton, Hamilton Association for Volunteering, Outreachand Charity (HAVOC) is hosting its annual MLK Service Day this Saturday, Jan. 23.

Although the Diversity and Accessibility Department hosts the majority of this week's events, HAVOC sponsors MLK Service Day. Laurel Emurian '11, one of HAVOC's co-directors, believes that this day is, "a really good way to mirror 'Make A Difference Day' with a large service day" to get students involved in the community.

Kelsey Craw '12, HAVOC's other co-director, added that, "it's also a national program," with students across the country participating in service trips in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. This year, local alumni will join Hamilton students in volunteering.

Participants in the service day are bused to several destinations in the local community, provided with lunch and typically volunteer from 12 to 4 p.m. Destinations include the Eastern Star Home, an elderly care center, which is hosting a bowling event that requires student volunteers. Animal lovers may go to one of two local animal shelters, Spring Farm Cares or the Rome Humane Society. Other students may travel to the Emmaus House, an emergency shelter and transitional housing facility, to help clean and do upkeep.

The Utica Public Library and Kirkland Town Library are looking for volunteers to shelve books and help organize. Additionally, the Rome Art and Community Center needs help setting up for an event; students may work in the kitchen helping to prepare and organize the site. Volunteers may also end up at a number of other locations.

An estimated 100 spots are available for volunteers at various sites. The day begins at11 a.m. on Saturday, when students who have signed up should arrive in the Filius Events Barn to sign up for a site (and get a free t-shirt). After volunteering, there will be cookies and hot chocolate available on the Kirner-Johnson second floor common area. Interested students should sign up in Beinecke from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Friday, Jan. 22, or sign up online. Questions can be emailed to either lemurian@hamilton.edu or kcraw@hamilton.edu.

PHOTO BY ANDY RICHARDSON '10

Volunteers spent this week fundraising at the Haiti Disaster Relief table in Beinecke.

Hamilton Groups Help Haiti

by Bianca Dragan '10
Senior Editor

Even before the spring semester had begun, the Hamilton community began organizing relief efforts to help Haitian victims after the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake which shook the Caribbean nation a week earlier. In an effort to contribute in some small way to the relief effort, the Protestant Chapel Service collected almost $90 on Sunday and it will also dedicate the donations in this week's service to the Haiti Earthquake Relief.

College Chaplain Jeff McArn explained, "Every Sunday the Protestant Chapel Service takes up an offering to help people in need, whether through local human services non-profits in Utica or international relief efforts. When there is a disaster with international media attention, we typically respond in this way. When a student—through travel or some personal connection—learns of a situation of suffering, we will support that initiative for help, provided there is a clear and effective way for donations to be offered and received."

Moreover, the Social Justice Initiative, Lambda Upsilon Lambda and Sigma Lambda Upsilon organized an all-week donations table to receive contributions in money (in two days they have collected $640), food, clothing and other supplies. All the proceeds will go to UNICEF.

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Tenure Explained

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of Trustees, which gathers advice from a long list of Hamilton administrators. Recommendations are made from the conglomeration of Dean of Faculty Joe Urgo, the Committee on Appointments and the President of the College, Joan Hinde Stewart.

In response to many of the lingering questions about the process of approving faculty members for tenure, Dean of Faculty Joe Urgo said, "When professors are hired, they are usually hired on a 6 year tenure track (about 90 percent), with a review at the 3 year mark." When professors are being considered for tenure, the committee asks for everything from student letters to reviews from non-Hamilton scholars in the professor's particular field.

To be considered for tenure, professors must have a Ph.D. in their field, some evidence of commitment to teaching and a record of publishing. Additionally, there are three categories that are used to assess professors: their teaching abilities, research, and service to the school (such as fulfilling committee responsibilities and interactions with students). The research component in consideration for tenure is lesser known, and while it is a main concern when reviewing a professor's work, teaching abilities are more of a priority in the hiring process.

Speaking to the role of course evaluations in consideration for tenure, Urgo said "course evaluations are taken very seriously" in annual department reviews. If the evaluations for a professor are of concern, the department may ask the professor to respond to the comments and use the reviews to make the necessary adjustments to the area of concern. "The professors also take the evaluations very seriously," Urgo continued. "They want to do whatever [is] necessary to help their students."

So if students' comments are taken into consideration and the tenure track is an important, involved and long-standing process on campus, why do so many students feel out of the loop? Urgo explained that while "tenure takes 6 years, students are only on campus for 4 years, making it very difficult to see a professor's career from beginning to the point of tenure." Additionally, Urgo said, "most professors who are approved for tenure are just modest and wouldn't announce that sort of thing to their classes." Therefore, tenure is not widely talked about across campus.

Tenure provides a rare form of job security. "Once a professor receives tenure, they can't be fired except under special circumstances," said Urgo. Such security gives tenured professors freedom in their research. "There is no other profession with this kind of protection, but this profession is also charged with the evolution of knowledge," said Urgo.

"With research security such as provided by receiving tenure, the administration is ensuring that the information being taught in classes is up to date and that students can rely on their professors to provide them with the best information."

It is important for students to pay attention to and understand the tenure process since it directly affects their educational experience. Urgo said, "At larger universities, professors who may be average teachers but excellent researchers may be approved for tenure. At a school like Hamilton, if the professor is not a superb teacher then that's it."

Haiti Relief Effort

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Multiple organizations throughout the Hamilton community have demonstrated their willingness to embrace values of community and greater awareness of the world. Reactions to the devestating event in Haiti prove that students need not wait until graduation to act as citizens of the world. Hamilton groups already in action welcome efforts by other student organizations to aid the people of Haiti.

Many organizations on the ground can use financial donations to provide immediate assistance in Haiti. While the list below is not comprehensive, it does include reputable humanitarian aid organizations that are coordinating and providing aid to the Haitian people should you, as a member of the Hamilton community, want to assist in their relief efforts.

The following organizations are accepting SMS donations:

- SMS text "HAITI" to 90999 to donate $10 to Red Cross relief efforts
- SMS text "YELE" to 501501 to donate $5 to Yele Haiti's Earthquake Relief efforts
- SMS text "GIVE10" to 20222 to donate $10 to Direct Relief

The following organizations also provide direct relief to Haiti:

- Americares: http://www.americares.org
- Beyond Borders: http://www.beyondborders.net/index.php
- CARE: http://www.care.org/
- Doctors Without Borders: http://doctorswithoutborders.org/
- Oxfam America: http://www.oxfamamerica.org/
- UN ReliefWeb, www.reliefweb.int
- Clinton Foundation https://re.clintonfoundation.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=3894

Trustee Corner: Amy Owens Goodfriend '82

by Nick Stagliano '11
Production Editor

In the fall of 1978, the inaugural coed Hamilton class arrived on College Hill. As a member of the Class of 1982, Amy Owens (now Goodfriend) was one of the first women on the Hill who hadn't applied to Kirkland.

It was a very interesting time to be at Hamilton, according to Goodfriend, because the women who were there when she arrived were now students at Hamilton, but had not applied to Hamilton. Furthermore, she remarked, the type of student who had applied to Hamilton did not completely overlap with the type of student who had applied to Kirkland. But she made a point of noting that, "Hamilton became and continues to be a stronger, more richly textured community because of the injection of the Kirkland culture and curriculum."

Goodfriend grew up in Clinton, but had no close family connections to the College, and did not plan on attending Hamilton or Kirkland until late in her college search. After visiting a number of Northeast liberal arts colleges and using Hamilton as a reference point for comparison, she came to realize how lucky she was to have "this beautiful little gem right up the Hill from where I grew up."

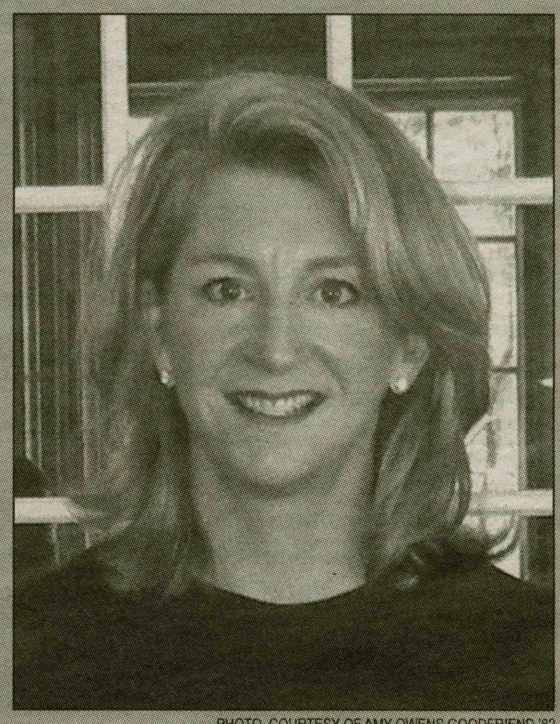
Goodfriend's initial plan was to major in Public Policy and minor in French. However, that would have required her to take nearly all Government courses during her senior year in order to fulfill the requirements of the major. Having spent her junior year and a summer during high school studying in Paris, she decided to change her major to French.

While at Hamilton she took classes including "Physics for Poets," Public Speaking, Economics, Photography and Philosophy. In addition to a wide variety of academic pursuits, Goodfriend was a member of the Honor Court and earned varsity letters in track and field hockey.

When she graduated (unemployed) from Hamilton in 1982, the U.S. was in the midst of a recession with a 12.5 percent unemployment rate. Goodfriend learned business from the ground-level up with her first job at the General Foods Corporation selling coffee. She eventually went to graduate school at Cornell to earn an MBA.

Goodfriend recalls, "One of the best things about being in business school was listening to the all the companies who came to recruit. Whether they were making widgets, doing consulting, providing financial services or consumer packaged goods, I'd ask myself, 'Does this excite me?' 'Do I relate to the people?' or do I think, 'I have no interest in or connection to this?'"

Between the first and second semesters of the first year of her MBA program, Goodfriend participated in the "Week on Wall Street" program offered by the finance club of the Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management. This led Goodfriend to discover the excitement and fast pace of Wall Street and she pursued an internship with Bankers Trust (now part of Deutsche Bank), working on the trading floor for the summer.



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A critical point of Goodfriend's internship was when the Bankers Trust Commercial Paper trader quit his job. This gave Goodfriend the chance to step in and perform the real job of funding the bank in the Commercial Paper market.

At the end of the summer, Bankers Trust offered Goodfriend a job, but she also interviewed at Goldman Sachs, Solomon Brothers and Shearson Lehman Brothers. Goldman offered her a position in the Equities Division in London, where she worked with French, Swiss and Belgian clients, thus making good use of the French major from her Hamilton days.

After four years in London, Goodfriend returned to New York where she worked with institutional investors. Goodfriend lead the Equity Derivative sales effort in New York, and later North America, and became one of the firm's first women Partners in 1998.

At the end of 2001, after nearly 15 years at Goldman, Goodfriend (with three young children at home) decided to "hang up her track shoes" and retire from Goldman Sachs. She and her husband moved from New York City to the suburbs where she has diversified her activities and leadership efforts away from corporate America for the time being.

In addition to her work on the Hamilton board, Goodfriend serves on several other boards including American Corporate Partners. ACP, founded by her husband Sid in 2008, is a non-profit organization that partners with American companies to mentor returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan back into civilian life.

Goodfriend, who admits that she had a hard time transitioning from the intense Goldman career to "civilian life" herself, started Goodfriend Partners in 2008 to do consulting with a start-up financial services company and other philanthropic organizations and individuals.

After graduating from Hamilton, Goodfriend was not particularly involved with the College for about ten years. However, when she returned from London in 1991, the Equities Division of Goldman Sachs was beginning to recruit undergraduates and Goodfriend began making recruiting trips to Hamilton.

Now in her eleventh year on the Hamilton board, Goodfriend is the chair of the Trustee Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid and enjoys interviewing prospective students and "helping them to keep calm and positive about the process of applying to college."

Goodfriend credits Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Monica Inzer and her team with doing an exemplary job of recruiting and selecting a strong and diverse community of students, and the faculty with shaping them to be effective communicators and critical thinkers.

As an individual who majored in French and went on to become a Partner at a major investment banking firm, Goodfriend reflects the many possibilites open to Hamilton students. She added that, having celebrated her 25th reunion in 2007, she still maintains relationships that began at Hamilton and continues to carry with her life lessons that she learned from Hamilton professors and others on the Hill.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Weekly Charts

MUSIC

(billboard.com)

Top Songs

1. Ke$ha—"Tik Tok"
2. Lady Gaga—"Bad Romance"
3. Jay-Z and Alicia Keyes— "Empire State of Mind"
4. Iyaz—"Replay"
5. Owl City—"Fireflies"

Top Albums

1. Ke$ha—*Animal*
2. Susan Boyle—*I Dreamed A Dream*
3. Lady Gaga—*The Fame*
4. Alicia Keys—*The Element of Freedom*
5. Mary J. Blige—*Stroger With Each Tear*

MOVIES

(imdb.com)

1. *Avatar*
2. *The Book of Eli*
3. *The Lovely Bones*
4. *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel*
5. *Sherlock Holmes*

BOOKS

(New York Times "Best Sellers")

Paperback Fiction

1. *The Lovely Bones,* Alice Sebold
2. *A Reliable Wife,* Robert Godrick
3. *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo,* by Stieg Larsson
4. *Push,* by Sapphire
5. *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout

Paperback Non-Fiction

1. *The Blind Side,* by Michael Lewis
2. *Three Cups of Tea,* by Greg Mortensen and David Oliver Relin
3. *Eat, Pray, Love,* by Elizabeth Gilbert
4. *Are You There Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea,* by Chelsea Handler
5. *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell, by* Tucker Max

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom Plays to Full House During MLK Jr. Events

by Emerson Sosa '10
Contributing Writer

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Cast members Laura Lee Smith '11, Isidro Acosta '11, Lamarana Diallo '12, Christian Baxter '10 , Ryan Park '12 and Gabe Hage '12 on stage in the Events Barn.

With Black History Month right around the corner, Associate Professor of Theatre Mark Cryer and the cast of the production of *Ma' Rainey's Black Bottom* begin our time of remembrance and progressive thought and discussion. The play itself focuses on the trials and tribulations of African-Americans in the music industry in Chicago in 1927 during a recording session. The band members clash with their strong beliefs and their own opinions of what it means to be black in America. Their own long and deep personal histories are slowly revealed as certain words or events may jar a character's memory. Each character is very particular and displays their own wisdom and personality as they reveal their reasons for being a part of the music industry. They seem to show a vested interest in their craft; music is something that speaks to every single one of them, even the proud Sylvester, played by Isidro Acosta, as he struggles to power through his disability.

In watching the play I thought about how well the actors had been chosen for the roles. It seemed as if in their performances the characters of Levee, Cutler and Toledo (played by Kadahj Bennett '12, Anthony Mathieu '12, and Christian Baxter '10) came alive thanks to the personal connection established between the actor and the character. Bennet notes, "I personally don't think I have all that much in common with him but I base him off my cousin…but I guess Levee's fashion sense is something I can identify with." Bennett draws from close ties with people in his own life who even in this time and place still struggle to find the meaning of the Black identity. Finding the right way of portraying their characters was a very personal and rolling process as, even throughout production, Bennett and his cast mates found themselves slowly attaching their character to more people in their own lives and taking on them until this thought-provoking piece became a personal and challenging work.

The play itself fits the occasion for Martin Luther King Day with its subject matter and brings a consciousness of race and identity to the Hamilton campus. While many times at Hamilton race and diversity issues may be dealt with open dialog and forums, such a play sparks a personal reaction from people as they question history and engage in their own individual dialogs leading to community discussion. Bennett recognizes the value in reflection and remembrance in the play and in the civil rights movement stating, " there is always something new to be found in any situation or any piece of art."

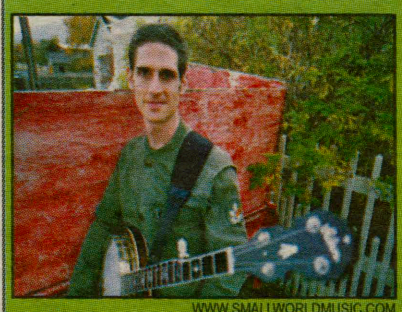
History comes full cycle and this play is fitting as it brings to campus a different viewpoint not only acknowledging that injustices existed then but also that many of the issues people faced then still exist today. According to Bennett "you can't learn from it if you don't pay attention to it," that 'it' being race relations and the rights of the underprivileged. This highly polished and strongly delivered play provides a foundation for discussion and reflection through its dialog, the chemistry between characters and the relationship with the audience. The atmosphere during more tense moments in the show was received differently from one night to the next as some people seem to recall such times of injustice and hurt, while others simply find it inappropriate to laugh at the mention of the "n-word" because they feel uncomfortable. While others simply laugh and relate it to society's current view of minority groups.

All in all this play was received very well by students and the community for its professionalism, devotion and dialog. Hamilton may openly make attempts for dialog on campus but when art is delivered with such personal conviction and talent, theater becomes more engaging as to prompt personal reflection and simply ask why. Why am I uncomfortable? Why am I laughing? Why is this relevant today? The response is almost immediate, and what the audience and the actors feel in response to the play is powerful. Bennett strongly believes in the play. 'To know that as silly as the actors may have thought it was, and as uncomfortable as the audience may have thought it was, to know that it is actually doing something is astounding," said Bennett. *Ma' Rainey's Black Bottom* indeed proves to provide strong commentary and deep feeling from the music from the live band to the silence and laughter, to the motives and inspirations for the characters. Mark Cryer and his team of talented and personally committed students have truly made this play quite the success.

The cast of Ma Rainey's Black Bottom on stage at the Barn.

Weekend Events

Jayme Stone Bluegrass
Friday at 8 p.m.
Wellin Hall



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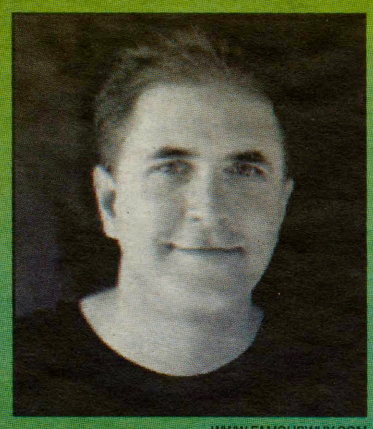
Jayme Stone keeps an ear to the ground. His curiosity and unlikely set of reference points started early with the quirky physics of the banjo. The most recent chapter in Stone's musical travelogue takes place in Africa. Stone is at work on new album that explores music based on folk dances from around the world.

CAB Comedy: Allen Havey
Saturday at 9 p.m.
Annex



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Allan Havey started his stand-up career in New York City in 1981. He made his national television debut on Nov. 13, 1986 on *Late Night with David Letterman*. He has toured Australia and Europe and continues to be among the best

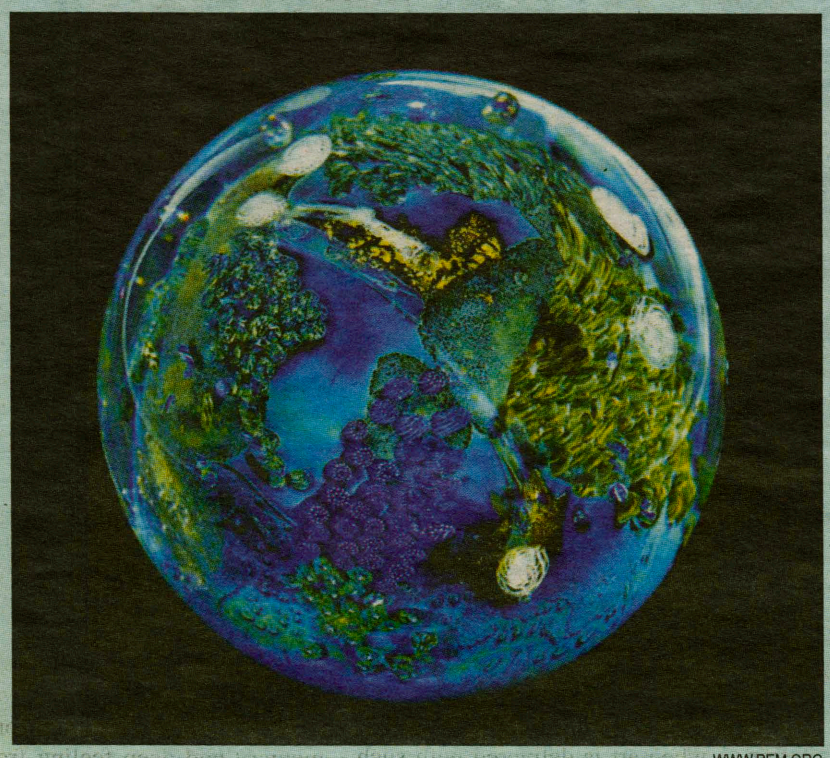
LOOK UP Inspires Viewers to Look to the Heavens

by Lily Gillespie '12
Arts and Entertainment Editor

From 60,000 Miles Away: The Glass Galaxies of Josh Simpson

Many, in thinking of blown glass, imagine Venetian masterpieces crafted at the hands of an artisan who has learned the craft through the generations. Josh Simpson, Hamilton '72, defies this assumption. As a student at Hamilton, Simpson became fascinated with the art of glass blowing and through research, the observation of masters and his own experimentation, he became a skilled artisan in his own right.

His interpretation of New Mexican glass and the planets have earned him international acclaim. It is acclaim of which he is highly-deserving for his pieces are truly masterful. By adding various materials to the heated gobs of glass, Simpson creates the visually stunning orbs, vases and other pieces currently on display in the gallery. Many of the pieces seem oceanic rather than celestial thanks to the range of exquisite blues and the bright colors which evoke sea life in several of his creations. Simpson's "Megaplanet" is reminiscent more of a coral reef than a planetary surface. However, Simpson's corona platters seem particularly evocative of gaseous space thanks to the pink, yellow and orange hues that predominate. Simpson's work is captivating in its exquisite colors, intricate detail and incredible delicacy.



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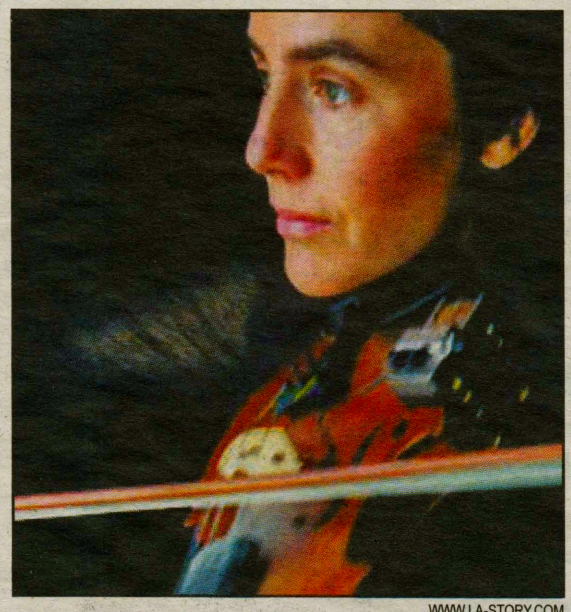
An example of the exquisite work of Josh Simpson '72, which is currently on display in the Emerson Gallery.

Teaching the Stars: Prints and Photographs from the Christian H. F. Peters Papers

Chrisitan H. F. Peters is known not for being an artist, but for being a world-class astronomer who also happened to be a Hamilton professor and the first head of the Litchfield Observatory in the middle of the 19th century. Peters was renowned internationally as the discoverer of asteroids and a leading member of the field of solar physics. Yet, while the Emerson Gallery exhibit seeks to pay homage to the work of this incredible scientist, the exhibit also gives us laymen an opportunity to see space literally through Peters' lens thanks to his many photographs and plates. Although clearly meant to further scientific purposes, Peters' photographs highlight the beauty of celestial activity, including his images of the solar eclipse, which burst with energy and light. It is a unique chance to see space as he saw it, in all its wonder.

Eliza Moore to Bring Peace Through Song

by Lily Gillespie '12
Arts and Entertainment Editor



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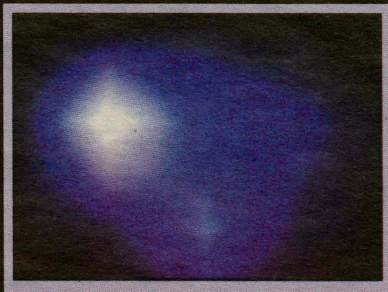
Eliza Moore, will perform Thursday at 8 p.m. in celebration of MLK Jr.'s birthday.

Although Eliza Moore's music is rooted in the classical tradition, it also has diverse global influences. During her performances, she accompanies her own vocal talents with her violin, keyboard and computer to create a unique blend of sounds. As her website explains, "This combination creates a tapestry of modern drum and bass crossed with lyrical early music polyphony."

In Thursday's performance, Moore's husband, Jeremy Greene, will accompany her on the percussion instruments.

This event is part of a series seeking to remind us of Martin Luther King Jr.'s hope for equality as we honor the anniversary of his birth. The couple will incorporate the famous words of Dr. King into the music to evoke his dream. *The Boston Globe* called her a performer with a "stately presence and crystalline delivery," a fitting testament to the work of Dr. King. Join Moore and Greene in the Chapel this Thursday at 8 p.m.



Music from Space: Samuel Pellman and Miranda Raimondi's Selected Nebulae

What does space sound like? Is it silent or is there sound out there? Professor of Music Samuel Pellman and Hamilton graduate Miranda Raimondi '08 has attempted to capture their interpretation of just what exactly space sounds like in "Music from Space." The celestial music is reminiscent of a science fiction movie and creates the feeling of literally traveling through space.

The element of their exhibit, which features computerized video images furthers this notion of being immersed in space as the images move across the screen. The colors, as they do in "From 60,000 Miles Away," also play a role in creating the illusion that you have landed on a moon or some gaseous planet. It is a unique pairing of sight and sound to help the viewer imagine space through multiple senses.

Visions of Earth-Sky: Mesoamerica and the Cosmos

While the three above exhibits represent a modern perspective on space, an appreciation and study of space has not been reserved solely for modern scientists and authors; an understanding of space has played a role in various cultures for centuries, even millennia. "Visions of Earth-Sky" presents the artistic interpretation of space of the Mesoamerican civilizations and its importance in their culture. Space was so important to these peoples that it was one of the three levels that made up their universe. The entire livelihood of the Mesoamerican civilizations was dictated by the relationship between the earth and sky. The pottery and artwork currently on display depict these celestial beings and gods, as do the photographs of Mesoamerican architecture, which was laid out according to their understanding of the alignment of celestial bodies. Many of the pieces are in remarkably good condition despite the fact that they were crafted sometime in the first century A.D. This exhibit helps remind us that the study of space is not new; rather, it is an ancient practice that has only evolved throughout the centuries.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Carcinogens Detected in Furniture on Campus

by Elijah LaChance '10
Senior Editor

Over eleven million people in the United States have cancer, and it seems a new carcinogen is found every day. Tanning beds, toothpastes, maraschino cherries, and now, even furniture. During the fall semester, Will McIvor '12 and Julia Litzky '12, both of the class of 2012, conducted a study into the levels of carcinogenic fire retardants in the furniture Hamilton students sit, study and sleep on every day.

The two undertook the study as part of their Chemistry 125 class taught by Professor of Chemistry Tim Elgren. They also explored whether a low-cost handheld device would provide information on carcinogen levels consistent with more expensive methods that require damage to furniture. Their results were shocking, but not unexpected.

Their research journey started when they attended a lecture given at Hamilton on October 19, 2009 by Dr. Arlene Blum. Dr. Blum has spent decades conducting research and advocating for the removal of carcinogenic fire retardants in California in things like children's pajamas and now furniture. As McIvor explained, California Bulletin 117 requires that all foams used in furniture be able to withstand a ten-second candle flame without igniting.

While this practice may seem like a good idea, the carcinogens in the fire retardants get into dust and from there can be absorbed into the human bloodstream through the lungs and the skin. McIvor added that since the upholstery on furniture in California need not be flame resistant, "the foam is going to be exposed to a heck of a lot more than a ten-second candle flame" and the bulletin does little to prevent fire, and indeed has led to California firefighters having a cancer rate of three times the national average.

Dr. Blum uses XRF (X-Ray Fluorescence) guns to determine the levels of chlorine and bromine in furniture, a technique that has been criticized by some researchers. Chlorine and bromine are the basis for, as McIvor put it, "just about every fire retardant ever made." However, XRF guns do not show the molecular structure of compounds present in the foam, only the presence of a given element.

Thus, McIvor and Litzky set out to see if common fire retardants are present in Hamilton furniture. They took thirteen samples of foam from furniture around campus, mainly older furniture from dorms since, McIvor said, this type of foam was exposed due to rips and tears in the upholstery. These samples were supplemented by three more samples sen by Dr. Blum from California. They scanned the samples fo chlorine and bromine with a XRF gun and then looked fo specific chemical compound using a Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (GCMS)

Since New York stat law is, according to McIvo "quite strict about fire safet in schools," they were not sur prised when they found eigh of the thirteen Hamilton samples contained triphenyl phosphate and four contained chlorinated tris, both of which are chlorine-based carcinogens and commercial fire retardants. The pair were unable to identify bromine-based fire retardants because the GCMS library did not contain the structures of these compounds, many of which are patented. The GCMS results were consistent with the XRF gun results, suggesting XRF guns are a perfectly valid research tool. Overall, their results show that carcinogenic fire retardants are widespread at Hamilton.

With environmental groups, health experts, researchers and firefighters all aligned against the use of these products, one might wonder who supports their use. When asked, McIvor replied, "Chemical companies. And they run ads with houses burning and babies bursting into flame saying, 'Don't let California loosen their fire safety standards.'" Since most furniture is made by national brands, the threat of carcinogens in furniture is also present at Hamilton. Physical Plant did not return an e-mail asking whether they support these policies and whether newer furniture, such as is found in the Science Center and Kirner-Johnson and will be found in the new ELS Student Center, is free of these potentially deadly compounds.

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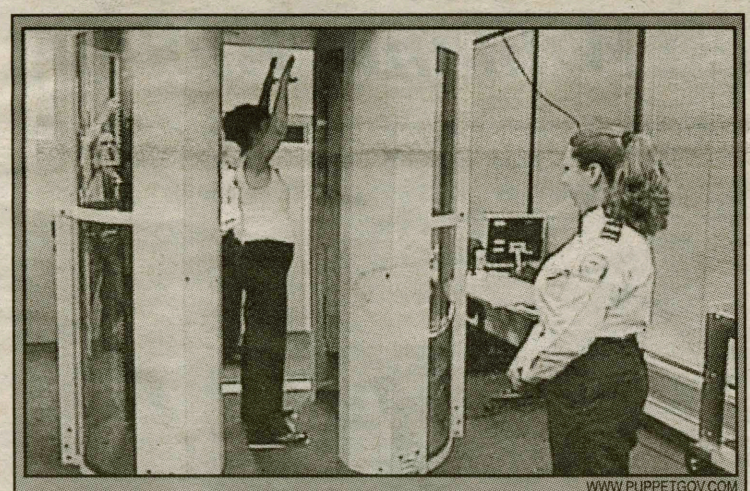
William McIvor '12 and Professor Elgren used an XRF gun to test the chlorine and bromine content of foam. One of the couches in South Dormitory Common Room was found to contain flame retardants.



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Science Increases Airport Security

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College students who travel to and from home via airplane know all the perils of air travel: removing shoes in public, taking off layers of jackets and pouring shampoo into tiny 3-ounce bottles. However, these passengers will soon have to adjust themselves to something new in the airport security line — giant machines that scan their bodies for anything a terrorist might use to cause harm during a flight and could not be detected by regular metal detectors.

Some of the high-tech full-body scanning machines are already in use at several major airports in the United States and around the world in respond to the attempted terrorist attack on an airliner on Christmas Day, but the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is planning to expand the use of such machines to most major U.S. airports over the next few years — the TSA has 40 in place, just bought 150 and plans to buy 300 more.

What exactly are these machines? The two main types of scanners are "millimeter wave" and "backscatter" machines. Millimeter wave scanners appear like a giant cylindrical phone booth, with mostly clear glass walls and scanning panels that move around you. It sends radio waves over a person and produces a three-dimensional image by measuring the energy reflected back. It takes up to 40 seconds to finish the full body scanning, and there is a zoom-in option by which the operator can see some of your body parts in great detail. This is the one that you are likely to find at airport right now.

In contrast, backscatter machines use low-level X-rays to create a two-dimensional image of the human body. It is not as cool-looking as the millimeter wave's circular glass contraption — for a backscatter scanner, you

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Doctors, Health Services Play Central Role in Helping Haiti

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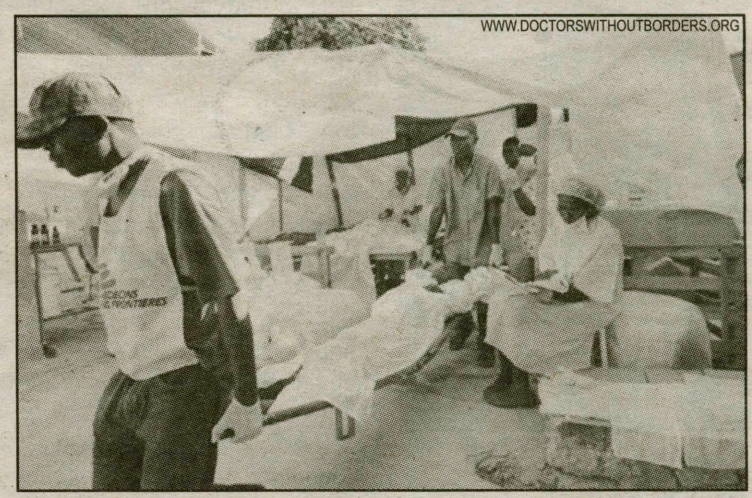

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Doctors Without Borders has been one of the primary organizations providing medical aid in Haiti.

At 4:35 p.m. on January 12, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti only ten miles west of its Capital city, Port-Au-Prince. The initial quake, followed by over 33 aftershocks ranging from 4.2-5.9, has caused devastating loss of life. Recent reports estimate that over 140,000 people are dead and without clean water, food and proper medical supplies, many more are still in danger.

Delivering this kind of aid has proved to be a logistical challenge due to the severe damage this quake has wreaked upon Haitian infrastructure. Despite the obstacles, a broad range of organizations have mobilized to offer assistance including Direct Relief International, Americares, Food for the Poor and many others.

One such relief provider is the non-profit organization Partners in Health (PIH). Started by Paul Farmer and popularized in the book *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, PIH has been offering medical services in Haiti for over twenty years. It oversees about ten hospitals located in the rural areas of the country that were unharmed by the earthquake.

Many of the people injured in the capital are being treated in these rural PIH hospitals, but the hospitals are overcrowded, leaving thousands without medical treatment. In an interview on *60 Minutes* this Sunday, Farmer commented, "I have never seen anything like this. I have never seen a disaster of this magnitude."

Because the earthquake devastated the majority of Port-au-Prince's infrastructure, including hospitals and morgues, one of the most important services needed in the wake of the disaster was field hospitals. These mobile operating rooms provided doctors with a place to perform surgery in a sterile environment and with access to proper equipment and anesthesia.

Doctors attempting to treat patients before additional help arrived were forced to resort to drastic measures, such as constructing splints from cardboard and reusing latex gloves between patients. Such treatment can easily lead to fatal infections or the rapid transmission of illnesses between patients. According to one estimate by PIH, approximately 20,000 people could have died each day as a result of not being able to be treated in appropriate conditions.

Although most people are aware of being able to donate through the American Red Cross, there are also other organizations accepting donations. Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator cited by CNN, has posted on its website a list of ten aid organizations that have been given high ratings for reliability.

The website also explains what each organization offers; for example, it notes that PIH is using its deep roots in the country to assemble medical personal and supplies, while Convoy of Hope has established an emergency command center and is distributing food and water. Doctors Without Borders has sent a team of physicians and an inflatable hospital that includes several operating rooms.

Students Now Likely to Encounter Body Scanners When Traveling To and From Home for Breaks

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are required to stand effectively between two giant boxes, with both of your hands up.

It takes about twenty seconds to get an X-ray image of you. If the electromagnetic waves are absorbed, then you're good to go; however, if you are hiding any suspicious object, then those items will reflect the X-rays and then will be visible in the scan. The amount of radiation you absorbed should not be a concern. According to the TSA, it is equal to the amount of radiation a passenger gets flying for two minutes. Images from this sort of full-body scanner appear more skeletal than fleshy, so you might not be able to recognize your own face. The likelihood of encountering such a scanner is increasing — more than 150 backscatter scanners are scheduled to show up in U.S. airports by the end of 2010.

Both types of machines are designed to uncover objects that a metal detector wouldn't find. Such objects include plastic and chemical explosives and non-metallic weapons in a pocket or strapped to someone's body. The machines would also find guns, knives and other metallic objects that a regular metal detector finds.

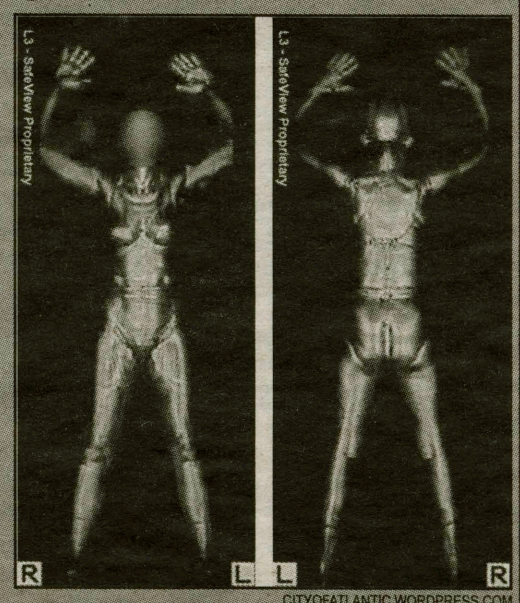
If these machines come into common use, college students flying home for vacations will likely encounter them. Although they will probably not be of concern for those students traveling within the United States, they may add to the travel hassles international students already face because of the increased security measures used when screening travelers flying into the U.S. Even so, the scanners would have to be efficient enough to effectively handle the annual rush of students and other travelers during peak times throughout the year.

Even though the new body scanners enhance the security of our flights in some ways, some question the right of privacy for passengers. For example, the American Civil Liberties Union has declared its opposition to the imaging machines, arguing that the body images they produce are too revealing. Even some members of Congress have supported legislation that would limit the machines' use, allowing passengers to opt out and submit to a pat-down search instead.

In response, the TSA promises that it will use logistical methods to safeguard privacy. According to the TSA, full-body images are viewed in a walled-off location not visible to the public, and the scanning machines can't store or print images. The TSA also requires its officers who view the images to leave their cameras or cell phones behind before entering the screening rooms.

Does the TSA plan to use the full-body scanners on every person getting on a flight? At the moment, that's seems unrealistic. First, the cost is a big issue — the machines can be from $130,000 to $200,000 each. In the U.S. alone, there are 730 checkpoints with 2,100 security lanes at the nation's 450 airports, so billions of dollars are needed before every airport in the United States can have sufficient number of body scanners in operation.

Second, efficient use of the machines is in doubt. Take Amsterdam as an example: even though 15 body scanners are already in place in Amsterdam, authorities say that there are still not enough machines to screen every U.S.-bound passenger, which means that pat-down searches are still in used. It remains uncertain what other major international airports will do for the increasing large flow of passengers coming to the United States. Either way, such scanners are becoming increasingly popular as a method for detecting suspicious items.



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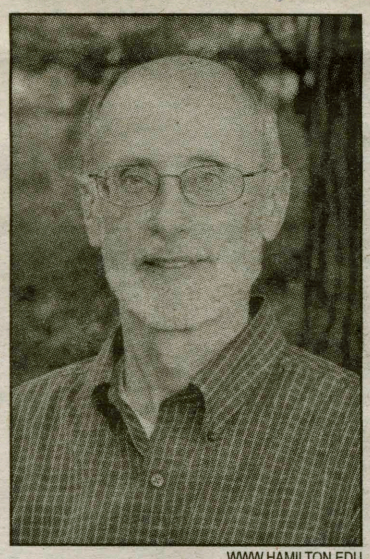
The scanners generate blurred images, such as the one above, which some argue are not private enough.

Professor Research Profile: Ernest Williams, Biology



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by Professor Ernest Williams

CHRISTIAN A. JOHNSON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

This is the beginning of a series on what research our professors pursue outside of the classroom. It is intended to further the Hamilton Community's understanding of the scientific and academic community we have on campus.

What is your specialty in your field?

I work in the field of ecology, an area within the life sciences that applies a scientific approach to an interest in nature. This is the right field for me because in many ways, I'm a broad-based, old-time naturalist but with a quantitative bent. More specifically, I study how the local environment affects the size of butterfly populations and the behavior of individual butterflies.

What research questions are you currently interested in?

I'm studying different kinds of environmental influences that affect the long-term survival of butterfly populations. In the Rome Sand Plains of central New York, I've collaborated with a series of summer research students and a biology colleague to count the number of frosted elfins (a New York threatened species) that live there, how they use the habitat and how changes in the habitat affects their numbers and biology.

In the northern Rocky Mountains, I've been studying the long-term survival of populations of Gillett's checkerspot, another threatened butterfly species, and how interconnected their populations may be (in ecological terminology, interconnected populations are known as metapopulations).

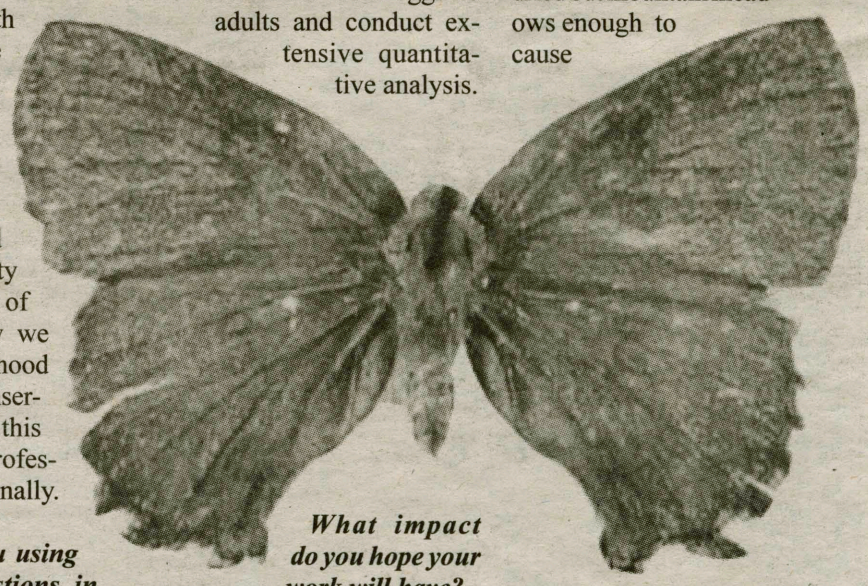
And in the mountains of central Mexico, colleagues and I have been studying how overwintering monarch butterflies are able to protect themselves from freezing; we're also examining the detrimental effects of continued logging of the forests where the monarch colonies form.

Why are you interested in these?

I'm impressed with and enthralled by the diversity of nature and greatly saddened by the extinction crisis we're currently facing. The studies I'm running help us understand better how habitat quality affects the populations of these insects and how we might increase the likelihood of their survival. The conservation implications of this work are important professionally and to me personally.

What methods are you using to answer these questions in your lab?

It's a little funny that you ask the question this way because most of the research I do is in the field, not in the lab. Mostly, we mark and count adults, search for eggs and caterpillars, measure rates of egg-laying and caterpillar growth, quantify features of the habitat, measure substrate temperatures, observe the organisms closely, quantify their daily activities and modify the habitat to examine their responses. In the lab, we raise individuals from eggs to adults and conduct extensive quantitative analysis.



What impact do you hope your work will have?

I hope that conservation initiatives can make use of what we learn about these butterflies and their habitats to ensure the long-term survival of these special creatures.

What have you found so far toward answering your questions?

At the Rome Sand Plains, we've found that the removal of trees opens up more mating territories for frosted elfin butterflies, and their numbers increase; however, tree removal on its own does not increase the number of host plants on which the butterflies depend. Thus, tree removal is part of the answer for increasing habitat for these threatened butterflies, but we need to learn more about managing habitat in this system. In the western mountains, I've found that global warming has dried out mountain meadows enough to cause a number of butterfly populations to die out.

These results have shown that existing populations of Gillette's Checkerspot deserve greater protection. In Mexico, my collaborators and I have found that logging in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve has altered the microclimate of the forest enough to raise the death rate of the butterflies. Our results provide a strong argument to increase protection of the reserve. It shows how specific the results are in each case; in the Rome Sand Plains, we wish to remove trees, but on Mexican mountains, we wish to protect them.

Professor Williams (top left) studies Gillette's Checkerspot Butterfly (top right) and the Frosted Elfins Butterfly (bottom).

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Alex Sowinski '10 scans the court for offensive attack.

Basketball Struggles After Strong Start

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until the end. These are the games that will make us a better team." Hamilton College also held Bowdoin to 18 percent shooting in the first half, which serves as a testament to the strong defense the Continentals have been playing. Captain Asimovic said, "Although we lost, we still showed character and we could see a glimpse of how great a team we can be."

After the hard fought game against Bowdoin, Hamilton failed to get into a rhythm against Union. Hamilton fell behind 32-24 in the final minutes of the first half after Union came through with a 9-2 run. While they were able to take the lead in the second half off a three point shot from Sowinski, the Continentals couldn't hold the advantage through the final buzzer. Despite the best efforts of Sanders, who led Hamilton with 12 points, closely followed by Howe with 11 points, and Harlem with ten points, the Continentals were unable to capitalize and fell 62-56.

Hamilton endured a similarly disappointing loss to Skidmore College on Jan. 16. Hamilton made a significant comeback, coming within four points of Skidmore after trailing by 13 with ten minutes remaining in the game. However, the Continentals fell short after the Skidmore Thoroughbreds hit five out of eight free-throw attempts in the final minutes of the game.

Regardless of their loss, Coach Mackin believes some excellent things did happen. "We got down in both the Union and Skidmore games but fought back hard and showed that we will not back down to anyone. Furthermore, in the Skidmore game we had 14 assists on 19 baskets and this shows me that we are doing a lot of great things."

Mackin also commented on Hamilton's understanding of shot selection and the success they had both offensively and defensively. On the court, the Continentals are working on their ball control, rebounding, and the little things, but are doing a great job keeping everything in perspective. Despite a few tough losses, Hamilton is still looking for a top four finish in the Liberty League. Off the court, the team chemistry is outstanding and the team has excellent work ethic.

Asimovic explained, " We came back early from break and worked really hard every day, but we definitely managed to have a lot of fun as well. It is pretty obvious that we absolutely love playing with and for each other."

The team's work ethic, positive mindset and skill combine to make them a team impossible to overlook. Rather than be discouraged by the last three losses, the team looks positively ahead and as Asimovic said "We take this last weekend as a learning experience; we analyze our mistakes, and then fix them. Our goals have not changed – we have enough quality, talent desire and heart to win the Liberty League. All the pieces of the puzzle are there, we just need to put them together."

The new year didn't start out quite according to plan; however, the Continentals feel confident they can turn their season around in their upcoming home games. Come support Hamilton women's basketball in their games Friday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. against Rensselaer, and Saturday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. against Vassar. With some home court support, the Continentals have a chance to regain the momentum that led them to a winning first half of the season.

Divers Earn Needed Points

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peting in swimming's longest race - the mile. McCarthy, who trains as a sprinter, had a very impressive top eight finish in the 1,650 free, a race almost twenty times longer than her specialty. Schlosser made many strong swims over the course of the weekend, despite being injured.

Paverman, diving extraordinaire, made two NCAA provisional cuts on the one-meter and three-meter with 237.90 and 253.50 points, respectively. Paverman must submit a video of her qualifying performance, and have the NCAA committee review the submission. Qualifying for both events greatly bolsters her chances of going to NCAA championships this coming March.

Captain Rosenbaum feels that "the meet went well for the women's team. It is a stressful meet, but everyone rose to the occasion and we came home with a strong second place."

The Cardinal Invite was a great success for the swimming and diving program as a whole. Many swimmers and divers performed exceptionally well with only a month of training under their belts. After the highly successful Cardinal Invitational, the Continentals traveled to Deerfield Beach, Florida for warmer weather and a chance to bond together through a rigorous week of training.

The annual training trip is a time honored tradition where both swimmers and divers hold double practices and compete once, as per NCAA rules. Over the course of the weeklong trip, the swimmers swam roughly 60 miles.

Despite the formidable practices, the biggest difficulty on the training trip was not the swimming, but the weather. An unprecedented severe cold snap struck the southeast, and Florida's temperatures dropped into the 40s.

One night, the temperatures were so low that the people of Deerfield Beach overused their heating systems and caused a blackout. Instead of competing in a swim meet, the entire swim team and both of the coaches participated in a frigid ocean mile swim at Delray Beach. As a whole, the team performed admirably, placing well in each individual's respective age group.

A few days after returning from Florida, the Continentals trekked north to take on NESCAC rival Middlebury College. Despite both teams falling, the teams performed quite well. The men's team lost the back and forth dual meet by a score of 156.6-137.5 while the women lost by a score of 174-114.

J. DeConinck led the male Continentals by winning three events: the 200-yard free (1:48.34), the 100-yard free (48.58) and tying for first in the 50-yard free (22.08). J. DeConinck's tie in the 50-yard free was exceptionally noteworthy as the swimmer he tied with was the 2008 NESCAC Champion in that event. Sievers notched a first place finish in the 1000-yard free, clocking a time of 10:12.67. Sievers also earned a second place finish in the 200-yard backstroke (2:02.33) and in the 200-yard IM (1:59.35).

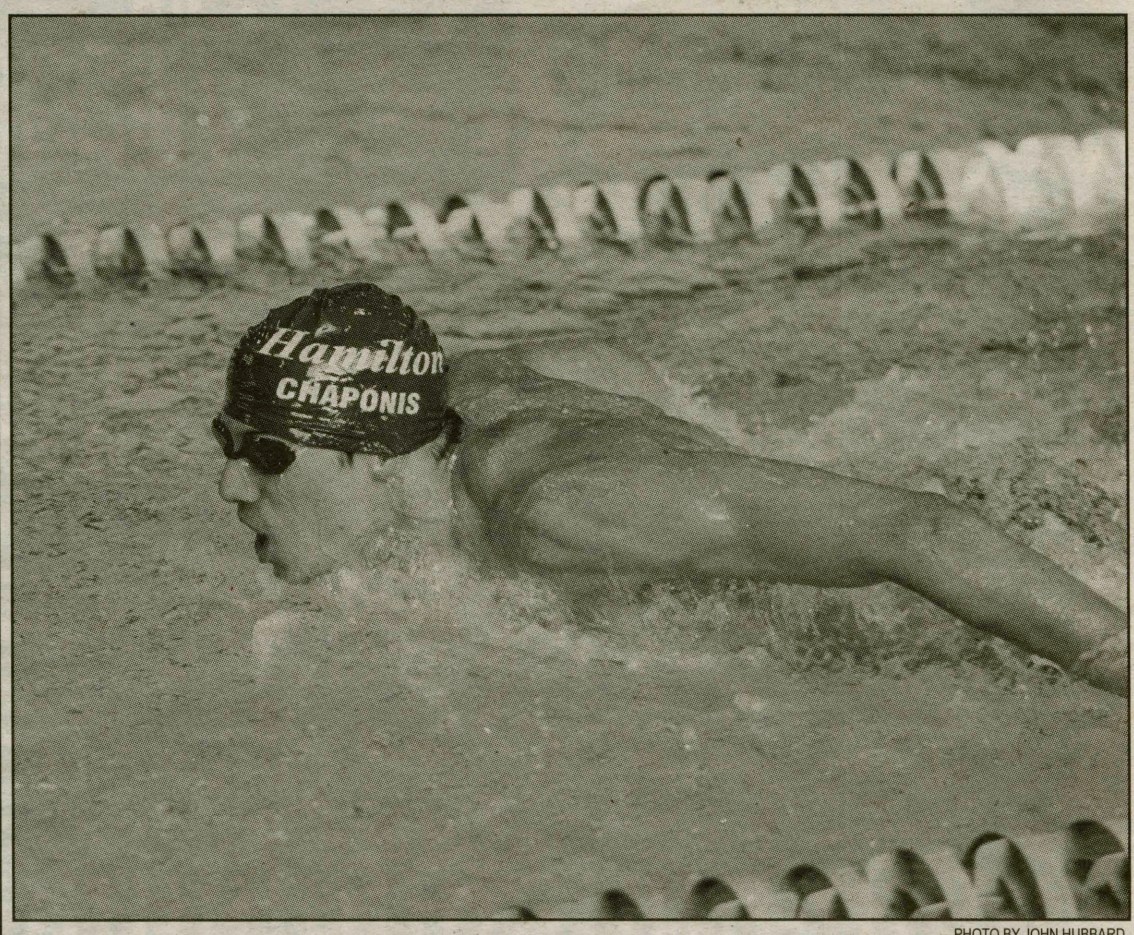
The leading men's breaststrokers, Mereness and Nichols, overcame their Middlebury counterparts, placing first and third in both distances. Nichols took first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a 1:01.57, while Mereness took first in the 200-yard breast finishing in 2:16.17.

Notable second place finishes came from Chris DeConinck '11 in both the 200 butterfly (2:07.02) and in the 100 butterfly (53.73). Hogenkamp placed second in the 100 free, with a time of 48.74 seconds. Diver Talpey Matt '12 earned first place finishes in both the one-meter dive (229.20 points) and the three-meter dive (203.78) while teammate Beaumont Brians '13 placed second on both boards with scores of 196.80 and 185.03.

Gibbons scored big points for the women by placing first in her signature events, the 50-yard freestyle (24.94) and the 100-yard free (54.46). Rosenbaum earned two second place finishes for the Continentals, with a time of 2:11.97 in the 200-yard butterfly and a time of 1:01.84 in the 100-yard butterfly. Lizzy Buhl '12 finished in second place in the 200-yard backstroke, recording a time of 2:22.23. Rack placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:11.33. Diver Paverman took second place in both the one-meter dive (237.90 points) and in the three-meter dive (237.00).

Captain Rosenbaum said, "The Middlebury meet is challenging because we hadn't raced in over a month, but everyone kept their spirits up and did the best they could."

The Continentals will host Amherst College and St. Lawrence University in the Bristol Pool on Saturday for their first home meet of the new decade.



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Stephen Chaponis '10 flies through the water en route to a third place finish.

Liberty League Slate to Determine Season's Fate

by David Biel '13
Sports Writer

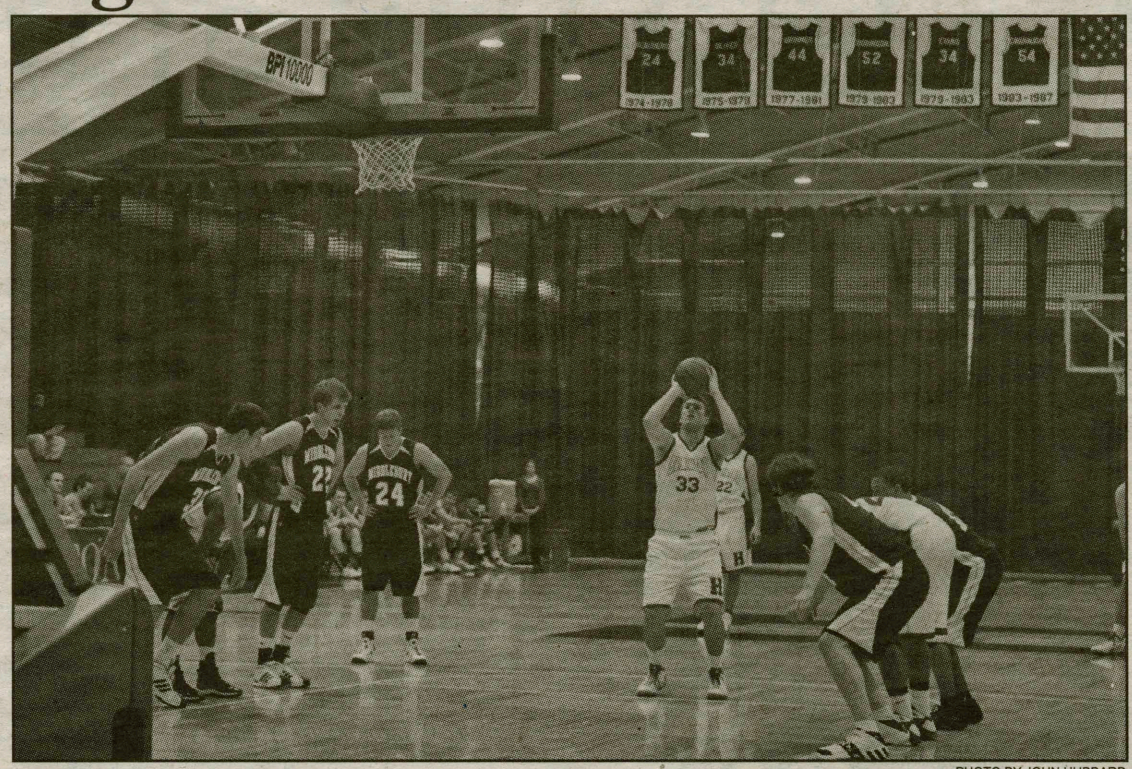

PHOTO BY JOHN HUBBARD
Forward Patrick Sullivan '12 attempts a free throw in a game against Middlebury.

If the stretch from the beginning of December to the middle of January is any indication, the Hamilton men's basketball team's season can be easily defined by two words: streaky and repetitious. Though these may seem contradictory at first, when they win a game, the Continentals capitalize and utilize their momentum to win again the next time. But when they lose, the team struggles to bounce back, already suffering separate losing streaks of two and three games as they approach the season's midpoint.

"We would like to fix that," forward Patrick Sullivan '12 said. "It's something we have to work on in order to make the conference tournament."

At the same time, unpredictable play on defense has been an especially significant drawback for the 5-7 Continentals. For example, in one game the team held the opposition to 43 points, and then allowed 72 points in the next game.

Hamilton began December with a 60-48 loss on the road to Utica College, their third straight loss at the time. In the 100th meeting between the two schools, the Continentals were unable to take advantage of their stellar defense, which held Utica College to only 22 points on a putrid 28.6 percent shooting from the floor. In the second half, the defense fell apart as Utica shot 50 percent total and 56 percent on three point attempts, outscoring Hamilton by 14 in the process.

The Continentals turned it around on Dec. 8 with a 51-43 victory at home against Elmira College. Sullivan and Dayne Harris '11 were the stars throughout, combining for 31 points and 14 rebounds. Despite a mediocre offensive game in which they shot only 31 percent as a team, the Continentals did a good job of capitalizing on several chances from the free throw line, making 15 of 20 attempts.

After a three week break, the Continentals came back together on Dec. 29 with their second straight win and their biggest offensive output in over a month. Traveling down to Lehman College in the Bronx, Hamilton beat the Lightning 76-72 in an offensive showdown. Guard Jay Simpson '10 exploded for 26 points, four rebounds, five assists and two steals in 29 minutes for the Continentals. The most surprising performance of the game, however, came from guard Russ Rosenband '12 in his first game of the season. Taking advantage of his 30 minutes of playing time, Rosenband scored 20 on 7-12 shooting and 6-11 from three-point range.

"Russ is a tremendous shooter and really adds another dimension to our offense," Sullivan said. "It's great to have him back."

Entering the new year with a 4-3 record, the team traveled north for a key matchup on Jan. 2 with rival Middlebury. Unfortunately, the Continentals' momentum on offense came to a sudden halt, with Hamilton shooting a dreadful 25.8 percent in a 62-47 loss to the Panthers. Sullivan led Hamilton with 13 points and nine boards. Middlebury, led by an impressive defensive performance from forward Ryan Sharry '12, shot a solid 41.8 percent from the floor, and contained the Hamilton offense effectively throughout the game.

The Continentals traveled back to Clinton for a two-game home stand, starting with Connecticut College on Jan. 5. But just as the offense got back on track, the defense struggled mightily as Conn College defeated Hamilton 70-65 in an exciting, come-from-behind victory. Simpson, Sullivan and forward Jon Ciriello '11 led Hamilton's offense, but the Continentals were never able to stop Connecticut College's charge. The Camels shot over 50 percent in both total field goal percentage and three-point field goal percentage for the game, and outscored the Continentals 42-33 in their second half comeback.

"Our biggest need is to become a better defensive team," head coach Tobin Anderson said. "What should be a strength has been a weakness and we are searching to find out why."

Next up for Hamilton was their first Liberty League matchup on Jan. 9 against Hobart, who entered with a 6-4 record. Led by a superb performance from Sullivan and a key three-pointer from guard Ephraim McDowell '12, the Continentals ended a two-game losing streak with a 68-66 win. Sullivan recorded 24 points and nine rebounds in 26 minutes, and guard Joe Manns '10 provided a huge boost off the bench with 14 points and three assists.

The Continentals headed back on the road for a two-day, two game stretch, starting with a visit to Union College on Jan. 15. Once again, Hamilton had trouble controlling the opposing offense, as Union shot 63.6 percent from the field and beat Hamilton 80-71. While Union spread the wealth during the game, with four different players scoring in double figures, the Continentals relied on the outstanding play of McDowell to power their offense. McDowell, who scored 28 points and grabbed six rebounds, took more than a quarter of Hamilton's shots.

"McDowell is a very good shooter. He really opens the floor and gives our big men and penetrators a chance to make plays," Anderson said.

The very next day, Hamilton traveled north to take on Skidmore. As they have done numerous times this season, the Continentals were unable to turn it around after a previous loss, falling to Skidmore 74-58. The team put themselves into a bad position early, trailing 40-20 to the 4-7 Thoroughbreds entering halftime. Harris led the team in points with 19, and center Max Shillalies '10 pulled down ten boards as the Continentals fell to 5-7 on the season.

As Hamilton enters the second half of the season, the Continentals cite team chemistry as the key to success. "I think we need to stay focused and realize we have good talent," Sullivan said. "If we stick together and work hard, we have the potential to be at the top of the league."

Added Anderson: "Our best basketball is ahead of us."

PHOTO BY JOHN HUBBARD
Head Coach Tobin Anderson believes his team can improve.

Goaltending Leads the Way

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ing Wentworth and Morrisville State on their way to winning the St. Michael's Classic. Against Wentworth (No. 13), Anthony Scarpino '12, the leading goal scorer in the NESCAC (nine goals), had a hat-trick and added an assist for a total of four points in a 7-3 rout, with Bartel saving 21 of 24 shots for the win. In their 7-2 drubbing of Morrisville State, Hefferman saved 26 of 28 shots to shut down the Morrisville offense while six different Continentals scored goals (Scarpino, Jerome Wallace '10, Lorenc (twice), Andrew Jelinek '13, Chiappetta, and Dan Roberts '11).

Again, though, things turned back the wrong way for the Continentals, dropping three straight games against Middlebury (6), Williams (15) and Amherst (9) Colleges, all NESCAC conference opponents. The Hamilton offense was shut down in these three contests, scoring just seven goals while yielding 15. On Jan. 8 at Middlebury, Bartel allowed just two goals to keep the Continentals close, but Hamilton managed only a single early goal from Lorenc.

The game was eventually put out of reach by an empty-netter with 18 seconds remaining. The next day, the Continentals dropped a heartbreaker to Williams when Cody Skinner '13 of Williams beat Hefferman for the game-winning goal just one minute into the overtime period. The Continentals then lost a 6-4 shootout to Amherst that was put out of reach by a late empty-net goal at home on Jan. 12. Anthony Ruberto '13, BJ Lalonde '12, Lorenc and Scarpino all added goals, but Hefferman and the Continentals could not contain Amherst's powerful attack.

Still, the Hamilton hockey squad has made a turnaround. They beat conference opponent Tufts, 7-3, getting another hat trick from Scarpino and a solid effort from Bartel, who stopped 30 shots. And most recently, on Jan. 16, the Continentals gained a hard-earned in-conference victory on the road with a thrilling overtime win over Connecticut College in which Joe Houk '13 scored the game-winning goal with 34 seconds left to lift Hamilton to a 3-2 victory. In this match, Bartel earned his fifth career win (his record for 2009-10 currently sitting at 5-3-0) with a 25-save effort.

The Continentals head into the first week of the semester with momentum and confidence. They have shown flashes of greatness at times, but need to be more consistent to become a dominant force. With an in-conference record of 4-5, the Continentals are in eighth place in the NESCAC. But with all ten of their remaining games being against NESCAC competition, consistent play could catapult the Continentals right atop the pack along with such powers as Middlebury, Amherst, Bowdoin, Trinity and Williams.

There are some promising signs. The Continentals have the second-best scoring offense in the conference, at 3.97 goals per game. However, they must shore up their conference-worst scoring defense, which allows 4.07 goals per game, and their conference-worst penalty kill. Hopefully though, by experiencing tough competition, the Continentals will improve.

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Forward Anthony Ruberto '13 struggles for position with an Amherst opponent.

Hamilton Sinks All Foes at First Meet

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The Swimming and Diving teams' success is often overlooked in the shadow of other sports. But, after the season home opener, the Hamilton men's and women's swimming and diving teams participated in the Cardinal Invite Dec. 6-7, a two-day three-session mini-championship hosted by Wesleyan University. Other teams present were Clark University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Trinity College, Fairfield University and Wesleyan. At the conclusion of the meet, the Hamilton men stood victorious and the women's team took second behind Wesleyan.

In a reversal of last year's close loss, the Hamilton team bested host Wesleyan. The men's side was led by Jake DeConinck '11 with first place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle (1:46.39) and the 100-yard freestyle (48.32). DeConinck also garnered two second place finishes in the 50-yard butterfly (24.16) and in the 50-yard free (21.84).

The only other first place finish was earned by Bowie Sievers '11 in his first ever 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 17:27.55. Sievers also collected second place finishes in the 200-yard individual medley (IM) (2:01.24) and the 100-yard fly (54.28). Ian Nichols '13 and Jared Mereness '10 finished second and third in the 50-yard breaststroke. Nichols clocked in with a time of 28.25 while Mereness finished with a time of 28.32. Mereness improved on his third place finish from the first session by earning two second place finishes in the subsequent sessions' breaststroke events, the 100-yard breast (1:03.10) and the 200-yard breast (2:19.84). Stephen Chaponis '10 finished third in the 50-yard fly (24.52) and Taylor Hogenkamp '13 finished third in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 48.94.

Captain Chris Crowell '10 remarked, "Winning this meet is huge for our confidence as a team. It is always a great sign when we can travel and swim great. We can definitely build on this meet and carry the momentum into a great second half of the season. Looking at NESCAC's, there is no reason this team cannot be top four or five in the conference."

On the women's side, Megan Gibbons '12 scored the most points for the Continentals with two of Hamilton's five first place finishes and was runner-up three times. Gibbons dominated the field in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.87. Gibbons won the race by over half a second, a huge margin in swimming's splash and dash event, and also won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:09.89. Gibbons took second in the 50-yard breast (32.41), the 200-yard freestyle (1:59.64), and the 100-yard IM (1:03.47). Liz Bucceri '11 won the 400-yard IM with a time of 4:53.45, and finished third in the 200-yard IM (2:19.72).

Returning All-American butterflier Whitney Rosenbaum '10 won the 200-yard butterfly, her specialty, by over five seconds, clocking in with a blistering 2:11.66. Rosenbaum also had two second place finishes in the 50-yard fly (27.79) and the 100-yard fly (1:00.85). The final first place finish came from Kate Rack '11, who won the 200 breast in 2:38.87 to receive her first collegiate win. Rack thundered home in the last few yards of the race to edge out her competitors.

Other notable performances came from Emma McCarthy '10, Leigh Ercole '11, Diane Paverman '13 and Megan Schlosser '13. McCarthy and Ercole, both non-distance swimmers, ventured into new territory by com

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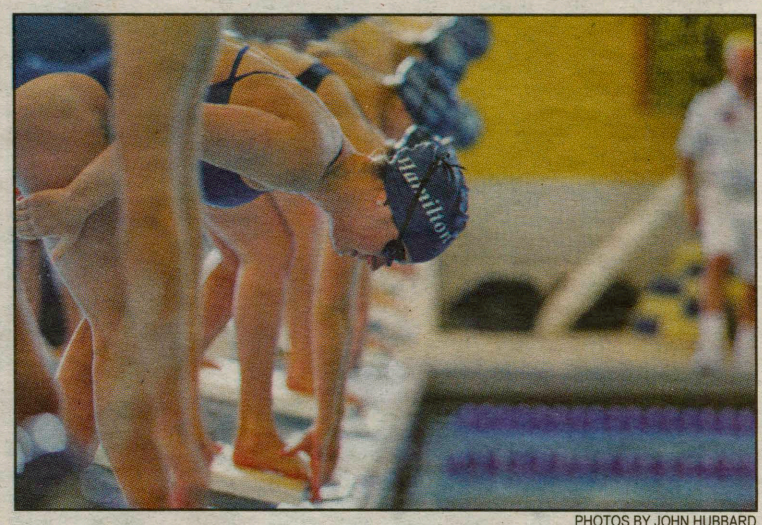

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Whitney Rosenbaum '10 positions herself on the blocks.

Hockey Aims for Consistency

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Winning streaks provide teams with momentum and build morale, but the Hamilton College men's hockey team, currently sitting at 7-6-1, has developed into a somewhat inconsistent squad over the course of the past two months. Prior to a three-week winter hiatus, the Continentals followed up a 3-3 tie to Utica College in the Citrus Bowl with a 5-2 defeat of St. Michael's in South Burlington, Vermont, on Dec. 4, paced by two goals from Tom Chiappetta '11 and two assists from Harry Biggs '10. Calvin Bartel '13 notched the win by stopping 18 of 20 shots.

However, the team's success did not continue. Part of the recent failings was due to the level of competition as well as the Continentals' inconsistentcy. Their last five losses were to teams who were ranked in the top 15 in DIII by US College Hockey Online (USCHO).

The Continentals ended 2009 by giving up 16 goals in two games, one on the road to Norwich University (No. 2) on Dec. 5, and the other at home on Dec. 11 against SUNY Oswego (No. 1). Hamilton scored only two goals in those games, one by Chris Lorenc '10 (who is currently tied for the NESCAC leader in power play goals with five), and one by Andrew White '13. Bartel and Scott Hefferman '11 split the time in these two games, with Bartel allowing six of the goals and Hefferman allowing ten. But the tide turned again after the three-week winter break. At the St. Michael's Holiday Classic in South Burlington on Jan. 2 and Jan. 3, the Continentals, fresh and rested after winter break, exploded for 14 goals in two games, beat

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Women's Basketball Looks to Rebound on Home Court

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Hamilton women's basketball, coming off a six-game winning streak, was finally was defeated with a non-league loss to Williams College on Dec. 12. The Continentals then kicked off the new year with a victory over William Smith College in a 50-48 win but were unable to keep the momentum and fell into a three game losing streak including losses to highly ranked Bowdoin College, Union College and Skidmore College.

In the Continentals' win against William Smith, Madie Harlem '13 scored 16 points and led Hamilton to their 50-48 win on Jan. 9. Reisa Asimovic '11 and Alex Sowinski '10 both contributed 11 points and three assists each, while Eliza Howe '13 added eight points. Although the score was tied six times in the second half, Hamilton was able to gain the lead and secure a win.

The Continentals faced off against Bowdoin College, ranked fourth in the nation, later that week. Despite impressive performances from Harlem (11 points, four assists), Sowinski (11 points, two steals), Howe (nine points) and Blue Sanders '13 (eight points), Hamilton was unable to upset the Bowdoin Polar Bears. The Continentals led 31-25 with 17:15 remaining in the second half but Bowdoin charged back to take a 37-32 lead with twelve minutes remaining and ultimately secured their win with a 15-3 run in the final minutes of the game. Bowdoin is currently ranked in the top five out of over 400 Division III women's basketball teams. Coach Mackin commented, "We led at halftime and made it a very competitive game

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